

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Neil Bartfeld on November 04, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 9, on line 9, delete "[Formula 2]".

In line 9, on line 19, delete "[Formula 1]".

~~In line 13~~, on line 8, delete "[Formula 1]".

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Hatakeyama et al. (US Pg-Pub 2003/0207201) fail to teach a resin component (A) having a molecular weight of no more than 7,500 and comprising the units (a1), (a2) and (a3) of claim 9 of the instant application.

There is no prior art teaching that would motivate one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Hatakeyama et al. and obtain the invention claimed in claims 9-12 and 24.

Uetani et al. (US Pg-Pub 2001/0014428) fail to teach the combination of the

There is no prior art that would motivate one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Uetani et al. and obtain the invention claimed in claims 13-18.

Hada et al. (US Pg-Pub 2007/0065748) teach a resist composition comprising a resin and a photoacid generator of formula:

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